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Applicant : Michael G. Hayek  
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 1999.  
Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested as applicants have amended the claims in an  
earnest attempt to put the application in condition for allowance. Specifically, the amendments  
address specific suggestions made by the Examiner and are believed to overcome the grounds of  
rejection or at least reduce the issues for appeal.

IN THE CLAIMS

2 Please amend claims 1 and 9-12 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A process for enhancing immune response [and improving the overall health]  
of a companion animal comprising a dog or cat, said process comprising the step of feeding said  
animal a diet containing from about 1 to about 50 mg/day of lutein for a time sufficient for said  
lutein to be absorbed by said animal.

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